

Norwich Conservation Commission draft minutes of 15 August 2017

Present: Peter Silberfarb, Craig Layne, David Hobson, Courtney Dragiff, David Hubbard, Mary Sellmann, Chris Rimmer, Norm Miller

Guests: George Clark, Jonathan Frishtick, Herbert Durfee

Commencement 7:10 pm

G. Clark reported on trails and the trails committee. All reports of damage along Norwich trails should be sent to [norwichtrails@gmail.com](mailto:norwichtrails@gmail.com). He reported on possible changes at the Hoyl trail. He reported about on-going road, parking, and trail over-crowding problems at the Gile trail. He reported on the upcoming Main St to Dresden fields trail. He reported on building of rogue trails, generational changes in trail interests, and trail effects on forest communities.

P. Silberfarb passed around a sign-up sheet for the monthly rotating chair position. The series is: Sept-D. Hobson, Oct-D. Hubbard, Nov-C. Rimmer, Jan-M. Sellmann, Feb-C. Dragiff, Mar-C. Layne, Apr-N. Miller. It was determined by unanimous consent that there will be no December meeting.

P. Silberfarb also recruited C. Dragiff to take on the role of coordinating NCC post office displays and M. Sellmann to take on the role of coordinating Spring and Fall educational programs.

J. Frishtick called in to recruit field help for the next experimental pulse of cutting and digging Japanese knotweed. All are welcome to help at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, 22 August, meeting at the corner of New Boston and Norford Lake roads (bring a gardening fork, if you can). He is concerned that the July 1 storm will have led to many new patches of knotweed in 2018 and that an educational program about the plant, as well as landowner assistance in dealing with it, are in order.

H. Durfee stopped by to introduce himself to the commission. M. Sellmann and he discussed next plant landscaping steps behind the new town facilities.

July minutes moved for approval by D. Hubbard (C. Rimmer 2<sup>nd</sup>), approved unanimously.

Adjournment 8:25

Minutes Submitted by C. Layne